



THE RICE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
408 Division Street, Northfield, MN 55057

2008 Spring Issue

The Rice County Genealogical Society meets at 2:00 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday on even months at the Rice County Historical Society Museum, 1814 NW 2nd Avenue, Faribault, and on odd months in the Marston Headley Research Room in the lower level of the Northfield Historical Society Building, 408 Division Street, Northfield. Meetings are suspended during June, July and August. Special meetings may be called for research trips or for working on projects.

MEETING DATES:

Jan. 15, 2008
Feb. 19, 2008
Mar. 18, 2008
Apr. 15, 2008
May 20, 2008

Sept. 16, 2008
Oct. 21, 2008

Nov. 18, 2008

Dec. 16, 2008

Northfield: 2:00 regular meeting.
Faribault: 2:00 regular meeting.
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2008 Newsletter and set date for printing and mailing
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2007 Newsletter and set date for printing and mailing.
Northfield: 2:00 regular meeting.
Election of officers for 2008. Dues for 2008 due.
Faribault: 11:30 Annual Christmas get-together at The
Depot. 2:00 short meeting at the Rice Co. Historical
Society Museum. Final date for 2008 dues to be paid.
Trip to review records at Northfield Twp.

To be scheduled:

OFFICERS:

President.....Audrey DeMann
Vice President.....Arlene Williams
Secretary-Treasurer.....Dorothy Herkenratt
Newsletter Editor/Publisher Dorothy Herkenratt

Dues are for the calendar year and are \$10
for an individual and \$12 for a family.
The newsletter is included with membership

Members currently are actively working on their family lines and in searching out the history of those who came to live in or who passed through Rice County. When we have queries from others not in our family lines who seek help on their research projects, we refer them to one of our current members who is willing to do research for a fee. To secure more information on services she offers and her fee schedule, please contact her directly: Norma Gilbertson, 808 E. 5th St., Northfield, MN 55057 Ph.: 507-664-9591 e.mail: njgilber@rconnect.com

Please call ahead to schedule research in the Marston Headley Research Room.

ROBERT RICHARD HUTCHINSON (1838-1911) SUMMARY OF PENSION PAPERS

by

Audrey DeMann, President of the Rice County Genealogical Society

When members of the Rice County Genealogical Society got a look at the Civil War flag kept at the Rice County Historical Society they also saw a research project. When it was learned that the flag came back from the Civil War in the hands of one Captain Robert Richard Hutchinson, who had interests in Bridgewater Township, the Village of Dundas and Faribault, the group agreed to order the complete pension file on this man. From the file, which consisted of 107 pages, we learned that Hutchinson, born 27 January 1838, served with the Sixth Regiment Company C, Minnesota Volunteer Infantry from 25 July 1862 to 19 August 1865. Hutchinson was pensioned January 1884 for Malaria poisoning at \$7.50 per month. He later made a claim for disease of the eyes. It was denied on 30 June 1884. He repeatedly applied, writing of being hospitalized during his service, at Fort Abercrombie in Dakota Territory and at Helena, Arkansas. In 1891 he applied for an increase due to disease of the mouth, gums and loss of teeth. There were many letters from his friends and his doctor, John S. Scofield of Northfield, dealing with his good general health at enlistment and poor health after discharge. He was becoming more and more unable to work at his general store in Dundas. As late as 25 September 1916 his widow was making application for an increase according to the Act of 08 September 1916. At this time she was receiving \$20.00 per month. Most of the 107 pages in the file were concerning their applications and subsequent denials. During Hutchinson's service he was promoted to 1st Lieutenant Feb. 1864 to fill a vacancy when Lieutenant C. P. McAlexander (also of Rice Co.) resigned, to 2nd Lieut. Oct. 1864 and in Dec. 1864 he was promoted to Captain.

Robert Hutchinson was born in Montreal, Canada to John Hutchinson, of Ireland, and Isabella Patterson of Scotland. On 24 January 1866 Robert married Susan Patterson. Robert died on 09 May 1911 and Susan died 28 April 1919. Robert and Susan are buried in Maple Lawn Cemetery in Faribault, Minnesota.

A full genealogy on Robert is being conducted by Harriet Berg, member of Rice County Genealogical Society.

To order a Civil War Pension File, request form # 85 from the National Archives by

Email: inquire@nara.gov

Or order online: www.archives.gov/contact/inquire-form.html

Or write to: Old Military and Civil Records (NWCTB)

Textual Archives Services Division

National Archives and Records Administration

700 Pennsylvania Ave., NW

Washington, DC 20408

After receiving the form, fill it out and return the form to National Archives. Allow up to 4 months to receive the pension file. Cost at this time is \$25 for Pension Documents Packet or \$75 for Full Pension Documents up to 100 pages.

Family Group Sheet

Subject: Robert Richard Hutchinson

Birth: 27 Jan 1838 Montreal, Ile-de-Montreal, Canada East, now Quebec, Canada.¹
 Baptism: 10 Dec 1838 St James Street Methodist Church, Montreal, Ile-de-Montreal, Canada East, now Quebec, Canada.¹
 Death: 9 May 1911 Faribault, Rice County, Minnesota.²
 Burial: 11 May 1911 Maple Lawn Cemetery, Faribault, Rice County, Minnesota.²
 Father: John Hutchinson Sr. (b. 1806, d. 23 May 1887)
 Mother: Isabella Patterson (b. 1814, d. 9 Feb 1881)

Marriage: 24 Jan 1866 St. Paul, Ramsey County, Minnesota.³

Spouse: Susan Patterson

Birth: 20 Oct 1841 Montreal, Canada.⁴
 Name-Marr: 24 Jan 1866 Hutchinson
 Death: 28 Apr 1919 661 Grand, St. Paul, Ramsey County, Minnesota.⁴
 Burial: 29 Apr 1919 Maple Lawn Cemetery, Faribault, Rice County, Minnesota.^{5,4}
 Father: Robert Patterson (b. circa 1819, d.)
 Mother: Susan Goodwin (b. circa 1821, d. 18 Feb 1892)

1/M: Arthur Eugene Hutchinson

Birth: 12 Nov 1866 Rice County, Minnesota.⁶
 Death: 24 Sep 1943 Minnesota Masonic Home, Bloomington, Hennepin County, Minnesota.⁶
 Burial: 27 Sep 1943 Maple Lawn Cemetery, Faribault, Minnesota.^{6,5}

2/M: Robert/Burt Milton Hutchinson

Birth: 19 Feb 1870 Dundas, Rice County, Minnesota.⁷
 Death: 17 Mar 1948 St. Peter St. Hospital, St Peter, Nicolette County, Minnesota.⁷
 Burial: 20 Mar 1948 Maple Lawn Cemetery, Faribault, Minnesota.⁷

3/F: Olive Irene Hutchinson

Birth: 19 Jul 1872 Bridgewater Township, Rice County, Minnesota.⁸
 Name-Marr: 11 Apr 1900 Nelson
 Marriage: 11 Apr 1900 Dr. Mark Owen Nelson (b. 29 Apr 1873, d. 7 Jan 1949), son of John C Nelson and Hansine E Jensen; Faribault, Rice County, Minnesota.⁹
 Son: 16 May 1904 Wilbur Mark Nelson; St. Paul, Ramsey County, Minnesota.¹⁰
 Death: 28 Mar 1945 St Luke's Hospital, St. Paul, Ramsey County, Minnesota.¹¹
 Burial: 30 Mar 1945 Acacia Park Cemetery, Pilot Knob, Mendota, Dakota County, Minnesota.¹¹

4/M: Ralph Ruel Hutchinson

Birth: 15 Mar 1874 Bridgewater Township, Rice County, Minnesota.¹²
 Marriage: 11 Jun 1910 Ella Mary Hawk (b. 5 Aug 1872, d. 24 Nov 1960), daughter of William A. Hawk and Mary Jane Middleton; Faribault, Rice County, Minnesota.¹³
 Death: 8 Aug 1934 at office 3rd Streed, Faribault, Rice County, Minnesota.¹⁴
 Burial: 11 Aug 1934 Maple Lawn Cemetery, Faribault, Rice County, Minnesota.¹⁴

5/F: Ella Belle Hutchinson

Birth: 1 Oct 1880 Bridgewater Township, Rice County, Minnesota.¹⁵
 Death: 2 Mar 1884 Bridgewater, Rice County, Minnesota.¹⁶
 Burial: circa ___ Mar 1884 Maple Lawn, Faribault, Rice County, Minnesota.¹⁷

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Endnotes

1. Montreal, Quebec, Canada, St. James Street Methodist Church, Ile-de-Montreal: Birth and baptism of Robert Richard Hutchinson b. 27 January 1838, baptized 10 December 1838 in St. James Street Methodist Church, Montreal; page 27, frame 1040. His parents are listed as John Hutchinson and Isabella his wife.; FHL film #1,430,801 Item 4, Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah. Hereinafter cited as St. James Street Church.
2. Robert R. Hutchinson, Minnesota death certificate #1911-MN-11186 (1911), Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul, Minnesota. Hereinafter cited as Death certificate.
3. Robert R. Hutchinson and Susan Patterson marriage, 24 January 1866, Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul, Minnesota. Ramsey County, Minn. marriages on film at MNHS #SAM433-roll 1, book C, page 178.
4. Susan Patterson Hutchinson, death certificate #1919-MN-023357 (1919), Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul, Minnesota. Hereinafter cited as Death certificate.
5. Dalby Database, online www.dalbydata.com. Hereinafter cited as Dalby database.
6. Arthur Eugene Hutchinson, Minnesota death certificate #1943-MN-005014 (1943), Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul, Minnesota. Hereinafter cited as Death certificate.
7. Burt M. Hutchinson, Minnesota death certificate #1948-MN-009915 (1948), Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul, Minnesota. Hereinafter cited as Death certificate.
8. Olive Irene Hutchinson entry, Rice County, Minnesota Births - Book A, page 309, born 19 July, 1872, (delayed birth certificate registered 15 Oct 1927), date taken from old bible signed/witnessed by her brother Ralph R. Hutchinson, Rice County Vital Records, Government Services Building, Faribault, Minnesota.
9. Mark Owen Nelson and Olive Irene Hutchinson marriage, 11 Apr 1900, Rice County Vital Records, Government Services Building, Faribault, Minnesota. Marriage Book I, page 97.
10. Wilbur Mark Nelson, Minnesota birth certificate #1904-39740 (1904), Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul, Minnesota.
11. Olive (Hutchinson) Nelson, Minnesota state death certificate #1945-MN-024603 (1945), Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul, Minnesota. Hereinafter cited as Death certificate.
12. Ralph Ruel Hutchinson entry, Rice County Minnesota Births - Book A, page 310, delayed birth registration on 15 Oct 1927; data from old bible, informant/witness signed by brother Burt M. Hutchinson. There is a different entry with incorrect first name and birth month but with correct parents names in Book A, page 44, line 34 Fred Hutchinson born 15 Feb 1874 in Bridgewater; parents Robert R. Hutchinson and Susan P. Hutchinson. (Born 15 Mar 1874), Rice County Vital Records, Government Services Building, Faribault, Minnesota.
13. Ralph R. Hutchinson and Ella M. Hawk marriage, 11 June 1910, Rice County Vital Records, Government Services Building, Faribault, Minnesota. Marriage Book L, page 185.
14. Ralph Ruel Hutchinson, Minnesota death certificate #1934-MN-13400 (1934), Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul, Minnesota. Hereinafter cited as Death certificate.
15. Ella Hutchinson (no first name in register) entry, Rice County Birth Book A, p. 137, entry 41, line 10, born 1 Oct 1880, parents listed in register R. R. and Susan Hutchinson born Canada, occup. farmer; registered 28 Dec 1880, Rice County Vital Records, Government Services Building, Faribault, Minnesota.
16. Ella B. Hutchinson entry, Rice County Deaths, Book A, page 81, line 5, entry 20, died 2 March 1884, Age 3 year 4 months, born Bridgewater, cause Infantile Paralysis, Parents R.R. and Susan Hutchinson both born Canada, Rice County Vital Records, Government Services Building, Faribault, Minnesota. Hereinafter cited as Ella B. Hutchinson death.
17. Dalby database, online www.dalbydata.com, Cemetery Listings.

THE RICE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY GIFT OF PIKE GENEALOGICAL MATERIALS NOW CAN BE LOCATED IN THE MINNESOTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY LIBRARY

Last September the RCGS was approached by the Rice Co. Historical Society about the possibility of their deaccessioning of an extensive collection of Pike genealogical records and donating them to RCGS. We were happy to accept their gift, and, after examining the records, found them extremely detailed and in bound booklets. However, the records included no references to Rice Co. but did include one booklet devoted exclusively to MN explorer Zebulon Pike. Our society, therefore, decided to contact both the MN Historical Society and the MN Genealogical Society to ascertain if the materials would be of value to their collections. The MN Historical Society already had genealogical materials on the Pike family, but the MN Genealogical Society was interested in securing the collection for their library. We deaccessioned the following items and gifted them to the MN Genealogical Society in November of 2007:

Booklets: The Records of the Pike Family Association of America, 1900-1901; 1902; 1904; 1906; 1908; 1910; 1916-1938; and 1939, and included information on MN explorer Zebulon Pike.

Great-Grandparents of Dorothy Chester Herkenratt (Mrs. Richard Herkenratt)
 Prepared for the Great-Grandparents Project of the Minnesota Genealogical Society

William Blackmore Taylor

Date of Birth: 3 May 1816
 Place of Birth: Parish of Frithelstock, Devonshire, England
 Marriage: 6 July 1848
 Place of Marriage: Wesleyan Methodist Church, City of Ottawa, Canada West
 Death: 6 April 1866
 Place of Death: drowned in Cannon River, Dundas, Rice Co., Minnesota

Mary U. Borthwick

Date of Birth: 28 May 1830
 Place of Birth: Edinburgh, Edinburgh Co., Scotland
 Death: 22 March 1907
 Place of Death: at Orr home, Dundas, Rice Co., Minnesota

William Blackmore Taylor, the eldest son of John and Sarah Taylor, was baptized in the Church of England, Parish of Frithelstock, Devonshire, on 4 June 1816 and emigrated to Canada in 1834 with his parents and siblings Thomas, Samuel, George, Joseph and Ann. Before coming to America, William had worked alongside his father in flour mills and, after arriving in Canada, continued to be employed as a miller both in Gloucester Twp. in Canada and in New York state in Madrid, in the town of Canton, and in Massena. Because of his knowledge of mills and milling, he was chosen in 1856 by John Archibald and his brother as the millwright to plan and build their first mill in Dundas on the east side of the main Cannon River channel. This mill was unusual as it was built with a basement of limestone with three stories above of butternut and walnut harvested from the bluffs to the east of town. It was also unique in that numerous windows were incorporated in the design to allow for ventilation and light to both improve working conditions and the quality of flour. Also, it was the first mill using buhrstones of quarts from Ohio instead of the usual granite millstones, and the Archibald mills became world famous for the quality of their flour. In addition to being the first millwright for the Archibalds, William's talents were also used by other millers up and down the Cannon River. During the spring of 1866, the Cannon River flooded, washing out the bridge between the east and west sides of Dundas, and it became necessary for the mill workers living on the west side of Dundas to cross the river below the dam in order to reach the mill on the east side. While newspaper accounts of the drowning of my great-grandfather William and a miller by the name of Thomas Handy give two different versions of the event, his daughter, my grandmother Clara "Dolly" Taylor Orr, and his daughter-in-law, my great aunt Jean "Jennie" Donovan Taylor, both told me that when William, Thomas Handy, and another mill employee went to cross the swollen river, Handy's dog jumped in, tipping the boat and throwing the men into the river. The one man who was younger was able to swim ashore to summon help, but Great-grandfather William, caught in the strong current, was drowned when his hip boots filled with water. His body was washed down stream and not found until later in the spring near Waterford. The body of Thomas Handy was recovered soon after the accident. Included on page 3, column 3 of the April 13, 1866 issue of the Faribault Central Republican in the Dundas column is "... Mr. Thomas Handy was well known to all the patrons of the Grist Mill. Mr. W. B. Taylor was well known in Faribault and in other towns from his skill as a millwright. At home he was respected as an upright, conscientious Christian. The loss of both men is deeply felt hard. He (W. B. Taylor) came to Minnesota from New York state in 1856." In the various census records, William is listed as "waitor" or apprentice, miller, and carpenter, all related to positions held in the milling industry.

Mary U. (possibly Urania) Borthwick was the youngest child born to Thomas and Annie (possibly Blackmore/ Blackmoor) Borthwick of Edinburgh, Scotland. After the death of his wife, Annie, Thomas decided to move his family to Canada for a new start, arriving in 1834 with Mary and her siblings John, David and Janet "Jessie", settling on a farm in Gloucester Twp, Carleton Co., Canada West. By 1836, Thomas was remarried to a woman by the name of Margaret who had been born in Scotland, and this union give Mary nine half-siblings, including Margaret, Agnes, Thomas, James, William and Alexander. The Borthwick families were members of the Church of Scotland, or Presbyterians. Other than that Mary's father Thomas died 3 April 1897, that her brother David was shot to death the year Mary married William Taylor, that Mary's step-mother died 1 Sept. 1897, her other siblings and half-siblings did well in Canada, that Borthwick Springs in Gloucester Twp. was named for the family, I have little knowledge of Borthwicks other than that some stayed near their original homestead while others spread westward throughout Canada and into the western part of the United States. After William and Mary Taylor emigrated to Minnesota in 1856, and especially after the death of William in 1866,

Mary lost touch with her family in Canada.

Mary U. Borthwick and William Blackmore Taylor were married on the 6th day of July 1848 by the Rev. Edmond Sheppard, minister of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in the City of Ottawa, Canada West according to my grandmother, Clara Elizabeth "Dolly" Taylor Orr. To this union were born seven children: Mary Ann, William David, Calista Cornelia, Augusta Frances, Clara Elizabeth, George Archie and Walter Blackmore Taylor.

Their first child, Mary Ann, was born 5 June 1849 in Gloucester Twp., Canada West, and was their only child born in Canada. Mary became a school teacher before her marriage 22 December 1866 in Millersburg, Rice Co., to Ransome J. Madison who had just returned from the Civil War, having served beginning 9 August 1862 as a private in Co. A, 7th Regiment, Minnesota Infantry until 3 November 1863 and as private 1st class from 17 March 1864 in Co. D., 1st Regiment, Minnesota Infantry until August 1865. They first farmed in Forest Twp., Rice Co., but by 1880 had moved to their farm in Fairview, Lyon Co. During the war, Ransome developed a heart condition which prevented his continuing farming, and by 1895 the family moved to Marshall, Lyon Co., where he became a painter, decorator and paper hanger, an occupation he continued until his retirement in 1905 in Minneapolis where he and Mary Ann had moved with their three children. Ransome died at home 4 January 1925 and Mary Ann continued living in their home with one of her daughters and family until her death 25 July 1938. Both Mary Ann and Ransome are buried in the Madison plot in Winona, MN. Mary Ann had received a pension from Ransome's service resulting in disability during the Civil War.

William David was born 28 August 1851 in Madrid, Town of Canton, St. Lawrence Co., New York. After the death of his father in 1866, William, who was only 14 years old, left school to help his mother care for the family. He followed in his father's footsteps and became a miller in the Archibald mills, starting as an apprentice in 1866 and, after 26 years, becoming the head miller. On 19 August 1884 in the Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross in Dundas, William married Jean Leslie "Jennie" Donovan who was born 29 August 1863 in Steubenville, OH to the Rev. David and Mary E. Leslie Donovan. In 1882 Jennie came to Minnesota to teach in the Dundas village school where her father, the Rev. Mr. Donovan, was principal. Will and Jennie lived in a large home next to the Methodist church and owned a farm on the southern outskirts of Dundas. Will served on the Dundas council for many years and as a long-time Dundas mayor. He also served on the board of education, was an active member of the Church of the Holy Cross, and an officer in the Ancient Order of United Workmen. For many years Will kept up the Methodist church property which adjoined his home. For sixteen years Jennie also served on the school board, was active in her church and community, writing papers for the Rice Co. Historical Society and articles for local papers. William and Jennie had only one son, William Leslie Taylor, who became a prominent MN mining engineer and a partner in the Mesaba Service and Supply Company in Hibbing, MN. William David Taylor died 12 June 1931 and Jean Leslie Taylor 25 Mar 1943. They are buried in Section 41-2 in Groveland Cemetery, Dundas.

Calista Cornelia was born 3 May 1853 in the Town of Madrid, St. Lawrence Co., New York and died in October of 1865 at age 12 of typhoid fever, the first white child to die in Dundas. Her death occurred about six months before her father was drowned. She was interred 20 October 1865 in Groveland Cem. Sec. 22-3.

Augusta Frances was born 1 August 1855 in the Town of Madrid and was the youngest of the Taylor children to come to Dundas with her parents. She was baptized Christmas Day 1869 in The Church of the Holy Cross, Dundas, confirmed there June 5, 1871 by Bishop Whipple, and married there 13 September 1882 to James M. Oliver. Gustie had been a school teacher in the Dundas schools before her marriage. One of the stories which has come down concerns her sister, my grandmother Clara "Dolly" Taylor Orr, who had been asked to bring the toasting fork to the kitchen. Aunt Gustie for some reason had taken the fork upstairs and, rather than bring the fork back down, tossed it to her sister. The fork pierced Dolly's eye which was why Grandmother always wore a glass eye when I knew her. My mother's Uncle Jim Oliver had been born in Pennsylvania in 1852 and had come with his family who settled in Cannon City Twp. in Rice Co. After moving to Dundas, he served as the postmaster, was a store keeper for the Shandorf general store, and was instrumental in the building of the Presbyterian church. He and Augusta lived in the Archibald-Martin house before it was bought by my grandparents, the William F. Chesters. In March of 1894, the Olivers moved to Hudson, Wisconsin where Jim owned a hardware store with his brother E. F. Oliver. The Oliver Bros. scissors mother had were from their store. Mother said that her Uncle Jim taught Sunday school and had not missed a Sunday in all the years he had taught until she visited the Olivers in Hudson and he stayed home to show her the town. Aunt Gustie and Uncle Jim had only one child, Col. Edward Charles Oliver who was born 21 November

1883 in Bridgewater Twp., Rice Co., Minnesota. Ed served during WW I and stayed in service until his retirement. My mother and Ed had a long-standing joke concerning a keg of beer that Ed lost to mother over some bet they had made when they were in their teens, and all their lives they remained close. I remember Cousin Ed telling that when stationed in Alaska, he and his wife Kitty raised strawberries as large as tea cups with the other vegetables growing on the same scale, Alaska being so much warmer than Minnesota. Ed and Kitty had no children, and after Ed's retirement, moved to Florida. Kitty predeceased Ed. I learned of his death when one of my letters was returned marked "deceased." Uncle Jim Oliver died at his home in Hudson 17 November 1935 and was buried from the Presbyterian Church on the 20th, being interred in the Willow River Cemetery in Hudson. After his death, Aunt Gustie stayed with her son and his wife in Vicksburg, Mississippi and Spokane, Washington, but when he was transferred to Texas, she returned to Minnesota to live with her sister Clara "Dolly" Orr in her home in Faribault where both women were cared for by Clara's son Earl and wife Rose. Augusta Frances Oliver died in Faribault on Christmas Day 1941 and was buried beside her husband James the following Saturday in the Willow River Cemetery in Hudson, Wisconsin.

The fifth child born to William Blackmore and Mary Borthwick Taylor was my grandmother Clara Elizabeth "Dolly" born 4 January 1858. Clara was the first white child born in Dundas, Rice Co., Minnesota and was both christened and confirmed at the same time as her sister Augusta. She used to tell me stories of going with her father on a Sunday to trade sugar, salt and calico with the Indians. As the first white child born in the village of Dundas, she became the protegee of the Archibald family. The elder Mrs. Archibald, when she returned from a trip to Great Britain, brought Clara a canal coal cross with small shamrocks carved inside the solid frame, and upon Clara's marriage to John Orr, the Archibald families presented them with a chased silver butter dish with a small rampant horse on the lid. These two items have been passed down through her daughter, Ethel Orr Chester (my mother) to me to hold and pass down. As discussed under Augusta's biography above, Clara lost the sight of her eye when she was quite young when her sister tossed the toasting fork down stairs for Clara to catch. The eye was finally removed in mid-life at the Mayo Clinic and Clara wore a glass eye for the rest of her life. However, the match was such that I was never sure which eye was the glass one. Having only one eye did not hinder Clara from her voracious reading habits and I marveled at her collection of books. Clara was married to John Harvey Orr on 15 May 1883 in The Church of the Holy Cross, Dundas. John was born in Grenville Co., Ontario on 13 January 1856 to William and Harriet Ann Anderson Orr, and, after the death of his father, at age twelve in 1868 left for the state of New York and arrived in Minnesota in 1870 with his widowed mother and four of his ten siblings. John was well-read and well-educated, and began his business career as a clerk, working for a short time in St. Paul and for several years for Kingman Hardware in Northfield. By August of 1882 he was clerking in the general store of John Huckins at Dundas, which he later purchased. During the depression that followed, to save the pride of some of his customers, he would take butter and eggs in exchange for items from his store. As there was no way he could use all of this butter and these eggs, most was thrown over the hill at night or given away to those in need. He finally disposed of his business in 1898 when he retired, having bought a 94 acre farm which he named "River Side Stock Farm" where he remained for the rest of his life. He also bought additional land in Bridgewater Twp. On 8 September 1877, in Northfield, John became a Master Mason and attained the highest rank in both the York Rite and the Scottish Rite degrees as a 32nd Degree Mason and a Knight Templar. He was instrumental in the building of the Minnesota Masonic Home. He was also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, the Modern Woodmen of America, and the Episcopal church. John and Clara had three children: George Estley who married Mary "Mayme" Dardis, Ethel May who married Edward Ogden Chester, and Earl William who married Rose Caron. John Harvey suffered a stroke in March of 1928 from which he never fully recovered, and he died at his home 21 November 1928. He was buried in Groveland Cemetery Sec. 20-4 on 23 November and was honored by having his casket carried by uniformed Knights Templar and with an honor guard in full uniform as an escort from his home to the cemetery. Following the death of her husband, Clara remained in her home with her younger son and his family. She was bed-ridden following a stroke in 1930, but recovered fully and remained active in the Episcopal Women's Guild which she had helped form and the Order of the Eastern Star of which she was a member. She remained at her home in Dundas until she was 82 when she sold her home and moved with her younger son Earl and family to Faribault. Here she was joined by her older sister Augusta who died Christmas Day of 1941. Clara's health declined and she died 22 August 1942 following a stroke, the last surviving member of her family. She was buried by her husband in Groveland Cemetery in Dundas.

The sixth child born to William Blackmore and Mary Borthwick Taylor was George Archie who was born in Dundas 17 November 1863, and who also became a miller by age 16 in the first Archibald flour mill which his father designed and built. Later in life he purchased an 80 acre farm in Bridgewater Twp. named "Sunny Side Farm" and farmed until ill health caused by cancer forced him to retire. He

was married 24 November 1897 to Bertha Emma Fish, the daughter born 29 December 1867 in Rice Co. to Gilbert and Cornelia DeMond Fish. George and Bertha had three daughters: Cornelia Lucille, a registered nurse and a superintendent of the City Hospital at Oakdale, CA, who married Carl Ditman; Bertha Mary, an elementary school teacher who married John VanDam who worked for Williams Pipeline; and Edith Merle, who cared for her parents and who married Walter August Sommers. George Archie Taylor died 5 March 1935 in his Bridgewater Twp. farm home two miles west of Dundas and was buried in Groveland Cemetery Sec. 22-3 on 8 March. Bertha Emma Fish Taylor died 9 June 1940 of acute bronchitis at the Taylor/Sommers home and was buried 12 June beside her husband in Groveland Cemetery.

Waler Blackmore Taylor was born in Dundas 14 August 1866, about four months after his father was drowned in the Cannon River. Walter also became a miller, following in his father's and brothers' footsteps. However, he left Dundas for the mills in Minneapolis where he met a fellow miller, the brother of his future wife, Cora Mona McCarriel who was born in September 1878 to E. J. and Eliza A. McCarriel. Walter and Cora were married in 1894 and remained in Minneapolis where two daughters were born before they moving to Kitsap, Washington: Clara M. in August of 1895 and Bertha M. in May of 1899. In 1910 Walter was listed as working as a carpenter in Kitsap. By 1920 the family had moved to Richmond Beach, Washington and Walter was now a repairman of oil tank cars. When Walter died in Arlington, Washington 2 May 1940, the family was living in Granite Falls. Walter was cremated. We have no information on the family after that.

After the drowning of her husband William Blackmore Taylor 6 April 1866, his widow Mary Borthwick Taylor was left with five children to raise ranging in age from two and a half to sixteen with another child yet to be born. Their daughter Calista had died of typhoid fever about six months before. With the help of her son William David who left school to work in the mills, the widow managed to raise all six children to be outstanding and successful citizens. Mary died 22 March 1907 and was interred by her husband William Blackmore Taylor in Groveland Cemetery Sec. 27-3. Although Mary had married at age 17 and had lost contact with her family over the years, her obituary from the 30 March 1907 Northfield News sums up her life as follows: "Mrs. Mary B. Taylor died at 4 o'clock on Friday morning, March 22, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John H. Orr. Mrs. Taylor was one of the oldest residents of this village, having lived here for over fifty years and having a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. Mary Borthwick was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1830, and came to America when four years old. She was married to William B. Taylor in Ottawa, Canada, in 1848 and in 1857 moved with her husband and children from New York to this village, which has been their home. The first break in her home circle came in 1865, when a young daughter, Calista, died.

"The older residents of the community will remember the tragic death of Mr. Taylor by drowning, the following spring, April 6th, 1866, leaving Mrs. Taylor a widow with six young children. She was a woman of sterling character, commanding the highest respect of all who knew her, and at this crisis kept her little family together and devoting her whole life to them, reared them to honorable manhood and womanhood. These six children, Mrs. Mary A. Madison of Marshall, Minn., William D. Taylor of Dundas, Mrs. Augusta F. Oliver of Hudson, Wis., Mrs. Clara E. Orr of Dundas, George A. Taylor of Dundas, and Walter B. Taylor of Minneapolis, still survive and were all present at the funeral except Mrs. Oliver, who did not reach here in time, owing to the failure to reach her of the telegram announcing her mother's death. The funeral services were held at her late home on Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev. C. H. McCreery, and attended by a large gathering of friends. The pall-bearers were all life-long friends: Messers. L. L. Babcock, W. Eldred, J. Herkenratt, A. Spetz, Leslie Orr and James Campbell. The interment was at Groveland cemetery."

UPDATE OF TOWNSHIP CLERKS IN RICE COUNTY:

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#1-2007 Dorothy Chester Herkenratt, 2405 NW 2nd Ave., Faribault, MN 55021

Looking for copy of the Job & Anne Maria Jeffries Chester family Bible records. Job Chester (b. 22 July 1818 Naseby, Northamptonshire, Eng. - d. 5 Mar. 1897 Bridgewater Twp., Rice Co., MN) m. 1844 in Alton, IL Anne Maria Jeffries (b. 16 May 1816 Halifax, Nova Scotia, CAN - d. 12 Nov. 1912 Bridgewater Twp., Rice Co., MN). **Children:** Job Jeffries (b. 28 July 1845 Racine Co., WI - d. 26 July 1930 Dundas, Rice Co., MN), William Frederick (b. 21 Nov. 1848 Racine Co., WI - d. 9 July 1929 Dundas, Rice Co., MN), Anne Maria (b. 24 Mar. 1851 Racine Co., WI - d. 23 Aug. 1914 Bridgewater Twp., Rice Co. MN), Edward Clarence "Ned" (b. 12 Dec. 1852 Racine Co., WI - d. 12 Jan. 1916 Bridgewater Twp., Rice Co., MN), and Mary (dates of b. & d. unknown, buried on the homestead). Anne, Ned & Mary never married. The Job Jeffries & Eleanor Hoyt Chester family lived in Bridgewater Twp. and Eleanor Hoyt Chester d. 8 Mar. 1940 at her daughter Mary Etta (Mrs. Jos. T.) Holmes' (b. Mar. 1871 - d. 25 Dec. 1968) home in Bridgewater Twp. Their other children, also born in Bridgewater Twp., were William Everett (b. 22 Nov. 1869 - d. 27 Jan. 1955) and Anne Jeffries (Mrs. Chester Wayne) Terry (b. 31 May 1873 - d. 16 Feb. 1965). The Chester/Jeffries Bible remained with the Job J. & Eleanor Hoyt Chester family and was in the Jos. T. Holmes home when the Holmes' son John moved from the family home, leaving the furnishings behind for the tenants. Inquiries have produced no indication who acquired the Bible. We are offering \$25 to whoever has access to this Bible for a photograph/certified copy of these family records.

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Looking for copy of The Drake Family History researched by Lelia J. Drake Clarke of Chicago, her brother Linn P. Drake of PA, and their father Dr. Charles Drake, younger brother of Joseph Drake who died in 28 Apr. 1857 in Rice Co. Joseph's grandson, Arthur I. Drake of Northfield, verified some of the facts known to him for the PA Drakes. The book also included records gathered by the Drake Relations Association of New Castle, PA. as well as many family stories which had been written and passed down to various family members. The book was published by Lelia J. Drake Clark who came to Minneapolis from Chicago to work as a Linotype operator with the Minneapolis Journal.

#3-2007 Donna Ellenson, 34313 544th Ave., Warroad, MN 56763 e.mail: dmse@mncable.net

Researching Truls Ellenson family history from the time he came over from Norway. He married twice, had fifteen children and took in a foster child, a grand-niece of his first wife, Anna. Found what happened to all but one, Gunnild Ellenson. Truls went by names Ellingson, Erlandson, Snedkerplad, Snikkerpladsen, and Ellenson. Would like any information on Gunnild Ellenson b. 1 Nov. 1855 in Wheeling Twp., Rice Co., MN. She is the dau. of Truls Ellenson Anna Torjustdotter Gutterud. Last information on her was she was a witness at her half-brother, Theodore Joseph Ellenson, who was baptized in 1878 at Valley Grove Church. He was either a Snikkerpladsen or Ellingson.

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Looking for copy of the Hon. Joseph & Sarah Frances Ogden Covert family Bible records. Joseph Covert (b. 29 Apr. 1828 Lumberland Twp., Sullivan Co., NY - d. 20 Apr. 1893 in East Prairie home, Cannon City Twp., Rice Co., MN) m. in 1850 Sarah Frances "Fanny" Ogden (b. 12 June 1832 Jersey City, Bergen Co. [later Hudson Co.], New Jersey - d. 28 Apr. 1898 Faribault, Rice Co., MN). **Children:** Samuel K. (b. 1851/52 New York), Joseph Ogden (b. 19 Nov. 1852 New York - d. 30 Jan. 1922), Sarah Frances (b. 5 Sep. 1855 Wheeling Twp., Rice Co. - d. 25 Feb. 1923 Dundas, Rice Co.), Henry D. (b. 1856/57 Wheeling Twp.), Alice Elizabeth (b. 2 Mar. 1859 Wheeling Twp. - d. 7 Sep. 1911), Lina J. (b. 1860/61 Wheeling Twp.), and Kathryn "Kate/Kitt" (b. 1865/66 Wheeling Twp.).

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